

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Sanders Middle School
 Laurens 55
 Grades: 6-8 Enrollment: 322
 Principal: George M. Ward
 Superintendent: Dr. Billy R. Strickland
 Board Chair: Mrs. Susan Calhoun-Ware

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2013	Average	Good	TBD	TBD	A	N/A
2012	Average	Good	Silver	N/A	A	N/A
2011	Below Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

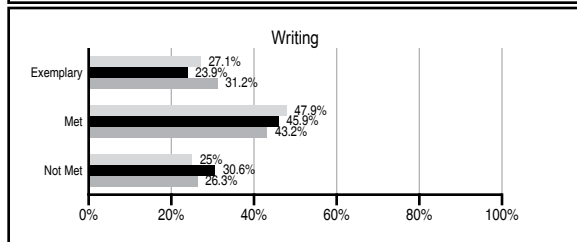
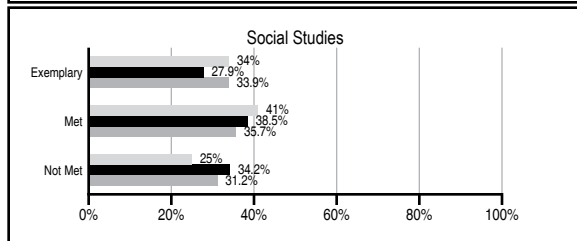
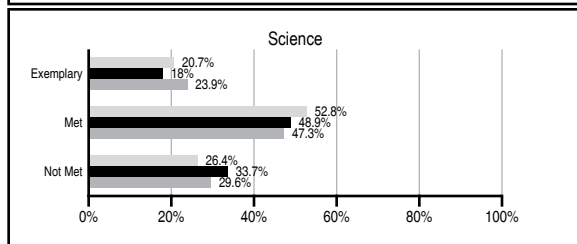
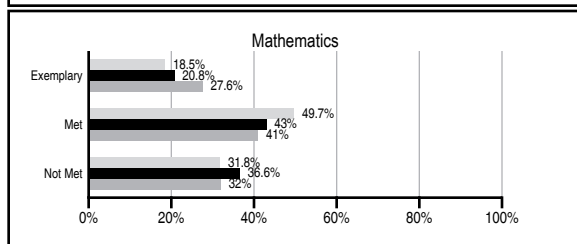
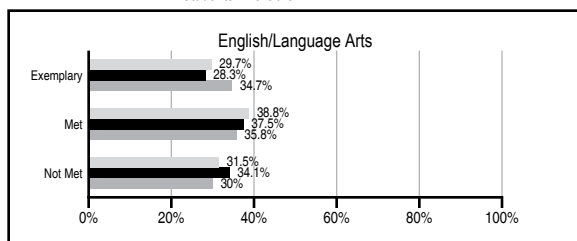
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	3	46	6	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 01/15/2014. Schools with Students Like Ours are Middle Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

PASS PERFORMANCE

Our School Middle Schools with Students Like Ours Middle schools statewide



NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

READING – GRADE 8 (2011)

South Carolina	28	45	25	2
Nation	25	43	29	3
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced				
	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced

MATH – GRADE 8 (2011)

South Carolina	30	38	25	7
Nation	28	39	26	8
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced				
	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced

SCIENCE – GRADE 8 (2011)

South Carolina	39	32	27	1
Nation	36	32	29	2
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced				
	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2013

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our Middle School	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	100.0	96.3
English 1	100.0	95.8
Physical Science	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	100.0	96.5

SC PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n=322)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	17.8%	Up from 13.6%	22.6%	24.6%
Retention rate	1.9%	Down from 3.1%	0.8%	0.6%
Attendance rate	94.7%	Up from 94.6%	95.6%	95.9%
Served by gifted and talented program	22.9%	N/A	15.5%	18.5%
With disabilities	17.5%	N/A	14.1%	13.0%
Older than usual for grade	9.2%	N/A	5.9%	4.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	Down from 1.0%	0.7%	0.6%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=26)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	69.2%	Down from 75.0%	58.7%	61.5%
Continuing contract teachers	73.1%	Down from 87.5%	76.0%	77.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	81.7%	Down from 86.3%	84.9%	85.9%
Teacher attendance rate	96.0%	Up from 94.7%	94.5%	94.9%
Average teacher salary*	\$45,699	Up 0.5%	\$46,554	\$47,313
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.2%	Up from 0.0%	1.8%	2.0%
Professional development days/teacher	6.9 days	Down from 10.3 days	11.2 days	10.1 days
School				
Principal's years at school	7.0	Up from 6.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	15.2 to 1	Down from 19.4 to 1	21.9 to 1	22.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.9%	Up from 88.4%	89.0%	89.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	93.4%	Down from 99.2%	98.2%	99.0%
Character development program	Excellent	Up from Good	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,680	Up 14.0%	\$7,092	\$7,239
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	66.0%	Down from 68.2%	62.5%	63.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	66.0%	Down from 66.2%	59.5%	61.0%
ESEA composite index score	91.8	Down from 93.2	78.3	83.5

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	24	97	54
Percent satisfied with learning environment	95.8%	87.6%	81.5%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	91.7%	88.7%	77.8%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	70.8%	91.6%	77.4%

*Only students at the highest middle school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The 2012-2013 school year at Sanders Middle was full of excitement. Once again, our academic team won the Tri-County Academic Bowl for the second consecutive year. Also, our school won first place in the State for the Book Awards Banner Contest. The Sanders Yellow Jackets added another Girls' Basketball Championship.

The focus this past year was on measuring and improving growth in Science and Social Studies. We believe that we have made great progress towards achieving our school's vision: Sanders Middle will strive to provide all learners with opportunities to achieve academic and personal excellence. We also celebrated receiving an "A" rating on the State Report Card for the previous school year. We moved from Below Average into the Average category for our overall rating.

Montessori continues to be a strong academic program here at Sanders. Once again, we had 100% of our students to pass the End of Course tests for Algebra 1 Honors and English 1 Honors for high school credit.

Increasing our use of technology continues to be a focus for us. We have added more computers in the classrooms, and our teachers and students have undergone more technology training. We continue to promote life-long learning through reading initiatives that include challenging faculty, staff, and students to gain an appreciation for reading. This year again collectively we have logged over 1 million pages of reading.

We are very pleased with this past year and excited about the upcoming year. We welcome a new administration for the 2013-2014 school year. We are excited about continually the great legacy of Sanders Middle School.

Michelle Gibbs, School Improvement Council Chair
George M. Ward, Principal

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